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SUBJ: MANEA MANESCU'S WIFE

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1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION IN
REF B ON PREMIER MANESCU'S WIFE.

2. ACCORDING TO FORMER STUDENT OF PREMIER WHO KEEPS IN
TOUCH WITH HIM, MARIA MANESCU IS PHYSICIAN WHO STILL PRAC-
TICES,
TAKING HER TURNS ON HOSPITAL SHIFTS. SHE IS HEAVY
OR BUXOM RESEMBLING A RULING-CLASS SOVIET (RUSSIAN) MATRON,
WITH HER HAIR TIGHTLY COIFFED IN "UPTIGHT" STYLE; SHE IS
NOT ETHNIC RUSSIAN BUT ROMANIAN, HOWEVER. SHE KEEPS
QUIET, IS ALMOST RETICENT, NEVER PUSHES HERSELF FORWARD
AT PUBLIC EVENTS, KEEPS IN BACKGROUND. OWING TO DEMANDS
OF HUSBAND'S POSITION, THEY HAVE LITTLE TIME TOGETHER
ANYMORE; SHE IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS. THERE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN SPECULATION, SOURCE SAID, ABOUT HER POSSIBLE BEING
RELATED TO THE CEAUSESCU CLAN, BUT HE HAD NEVER HEARD
ANYTHING FIRM ON THIS ASPECT. PEDERSEN

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